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SUBJECT: TRADE PLEDGE

1. BELOW ARE RESULTS OF MISSION'S SOUNDINGS WITH CERTAIN LOCAL DELS REGARDING THEIR POSITION ON MRS. STEEG'S DRAFT FOR A NEW TRADE PLEDGE. WE UNDERSTAND EC'S 113 COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THIS QUESTION MAY 19. FURTHER REDRAFT OF PLEDGE BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED AND DRAFT OF TC REPORT TO COUNCIL ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE MAY 19 FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PARTICIPANTS IN PRE-TC DINNER NEXT MONDAY. MISSION WILL CABLE THESE TEXTS WHEN RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT.

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2. JAPAN: AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH STEEG PROPOSAL, BUT WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION OF PARA 9 REFERENCE TO "MONITORING." JAPANESE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD REFERENCE TO "IMPLEMENTING" THE RESULTS OF THE MTN AND ENSURE THAT PARA 9 DOES NOT DUPLICATE OR CONFLICT WITH LANGUAGE ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES WHICH MAY BE AGREED ELSEWHERE.

3. AUSTRALIA: PREFER TO RENEW PLEDGE AS IT STANDS, BUT WILL NOT STAND IN WAY OF CONSENSUS ON STEEG TEXT. AUSTRALIANS OPPOSE ANY "NEW" COMMITMENTS ON CONSULTATION OR MONITORING, AND WANT 1974 "COMMENTS" ADOPTED ALONG WITH NEW TEXT.

4. ITALY: AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH STEEG TEXT, BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE PARAGRAPH ON FINANCING INCLUDED AS IN EXISTING PLEDGE.

5. UK: STRONGLY PREFER RENEWING EXISTING PLEDGE SO AS TO AVOID HAVING TO PUT NEW TEXT UP TO MINISTERS, WHO MIGHT ASK FOR CHANGES THAT WOULD WEAKEN COMMITMENT.

6. FRANCE: BASICALLY FAVORABLE TO STEEG TEXT EXCEPT FOR PARA 12 ON LDC'S, FOR WHICH THEY FAVOR USING LANGUAGE FROM TOKYO DECLARATION. FRENCH DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IS WORTHWHILE TO SPEND MUCH EFFORT TO RENEGOTIATE PLEDGE IF MANY COUNTRIES ASK FOR CHANGES IN TEXT, AND THINK IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO ATTEMPT THIS NEXT YEAR AFTER MTN IS COMPLETED.

7. SWITZERLAND: SUPPORT STEEG TEXT, BUT MAY WISH TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUGGEST CHANGES TO STRENGTHEN PARA 6, CHANGE PARAS 8 (ADDING LINK BETWEEN SECTORAL ACTION AND ADJUSTMENT MEASURES) AND 10 (LEAVE OUT MTN REFERENCE), AND WEAKEN PARA 12.

8. SWEDEN: SUPPORT STEEG TEXT, BUT MAY WANT TO WEAKEN LAST PART PARA 8 ALONG U.S. LINES AND STRENGTHEN REFERENCES TO "UNILATERAL ACTIONS" TO INCLUDE VRA'S AND OMA'S.

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